(b) and (c) The Govt. of India supply anti-Kala Azar drugs namely Solium Stibogluconate (SSG) and Pentamidine Isethionate to the States for treatment of patients suffering from Kala Azar.

During the current financial year (1996-97), 30,000 vials of SSG and 10,000 vials of Pentamidine Isethionate have been supplied to the State of Bihar so far. Besides, 6,000 vials of SSG have been supplied to West Bengal during the current financial year so far.

In addition, the State Govts. have been requested to undertake house to house search to detect Kala Azar cases and render complete treatment to the patients.

Report of Fifth Pay Commission

1581. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government expects to receive the report of the Fifth Pay Commission in the first week of September of this year;

(b) whether Government propose to implement the report in January, 1997 in case it is received in September, 1996;

(c) whether Government propose to give another instalment of Interim Relief to its employees in case the report is not received by first week of September, 1996; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Pay Commission have informed that the final Report is likely to be submitted by the end of September, 1996.

(b) The recommendations of the Pay Commission, when received, will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

(c) and (d) The Government have requested the Pay Commission to consider whether another instalment of Interim Relief may be granted to the Central Government employees and give an interim report thereon. The recommendations of the Commission in this regard are awaited.

Providing the Budget of the Commission of Railway Safety under M/o Civil Aviation

1582. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budget of the Commission of Railway Safety is provided under the Ministry of Civil Aviation;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the funds invariably are used by the Ministry of Railways and in that case what is the hitch in showing the amount under Railway Budget; and

(c) whether Government are considering any change in the Rules of Business in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Censorship of views expressed by the Leadership of the left parties

1583. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the widespread newspaper reports about the alleged censorship by the DD authorities of the views expressed by the leadership of the left parties including that of Minister of Agriculture on 3rd July, 1996, in the wake of petroleum and diesel price hike;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that such a censorship had taken place;

(c) if so, whether this act is in keeping with the well enunciated approach of the Government through the common minimum programme about media autonomy and the right to information; and

(d) if not, whether responsibilities will be fixed for this mistake?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Quantum of foreign loan on Average Indian

1584. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita foreign loan an Indian owes as on date;

(b) whether Government propose to reduce it substantially;

(c) if so, what steps are proposed in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The per capita foreign debt of the Government works out at Rs. 1601 during 1995-96.

(b) and (c) Government has been following a prudent debt management strategy aimed at reducing the debt service ratio to comfortable levels. This includes measures to promote the growth of exports and other current receipts, reduce the growth of total debt and to encourage non-debt creating inflows such as foreign investment.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up a Bench of Keraia High Court in Thiruvananthapuram

1585. SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal from the State Government to start a Bench of Kerala High Court in Thiruvananthapuram; and

(b) if so, what action is taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) No complete proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court, for establishing a bench of the High Court at Thiruvananthapuram. As such, it is not possible for the Central Government to take any action in the matter.

Freezing of Properties under Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Act

1586. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 provides for tracing, freezing and forfeiture of property derived from illicit drug traffic;

(b) if so, whether properties were traced, frozen and forfeited under the Act during the last three years, with year-wise and State-wise detail thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to stop money laundering related to narcotics trafficking in the country, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANFY AFFAIRS: (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Madam.